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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-15, 17 and 18 were presented for examination. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-11, 13-15, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nazem et al. (United States Patent No. 5,983,227, hereafter "Nazem") in view of Jeyaraman (United States Patent No. 6,311,187, hereafter "Jeyaraman"). In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 28, 2005, and within two months of mailing a Notice of Appeal on September 28, 2005, Applicants submit these remarks accompanying a request for continued examination. Applicants respectfully submit that the filing of this response on November 28, 2005 is timely.

No new claims have been added or amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 3-11, and 13-15 and 17-18 are presented for examination. Claims 1, 11, and 15 are independent.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-11, 13-15, 17 and 18 as anticipated by Nazem in view of Jeyaraman. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Independent claims 1, 11, and 15 recite the step of receiving, at a client, a modified version of a dynamic portion of a page and an identifier specifying one of the plurality of dynamic portions of the transmitted page to be replaced by the modified version of the dynamic portion of the page.

The Examiner admits that Nazem fails to teach the step of receiving, by a client, a modified version of one of the dynamic portions of the page and an identifier specifying one of the plurality of dynamic portions of the transmitted page to be replaced by the modified version of one of the dynamic portions. *See* Final Office Action, 3 (issued June 28, 2005). Instead, the Examiner relies upon Jeyaraman to cure that deficiency, stating that Jeyaraman discloses a system and method of propagating updates and that it would be obvious to modify the teaching of Nazem to include a means of propagating updates efficiently.

Jeyaraman fails to teach or suggest receiving, by a client, a modified version of one of the dynamic portions of a page. In Jeyaraman, updates inform clients of changes in Application No.: 09/704896 Docket No.: 2006579-0221

hierarchically structured data. See Jeyaraman, col. 1, lines 18-20, and col. 6. Jeyaraman focuses on specifying the operations needed to manipulate nodes within client copies of data and transmitting the operations in updates to clients. See Jeyaraman, col. 6, lines 54-59, and col. 7. Jeyaraman does not suggest receiving, by a client, a modified version of one of the dynamic portions of a page, because the purpose of Jeyaraman is to increase efficiency by transmitting only the operations that will result in changes to data, in particular for clients with limited memory space, such as thin clients. One of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to modify Jeyaraman to enable transmission of a modified version of a dynamic portion of a page because Jeyaraman states that it is inefficient for clients to receive new copies of modified data, as opposed to only the operations that generate the modifications. See Jeyaraman, col. 1, lines 40-50. Modifying Jeyaraman to transmit a modified version of a dynamic portion of a page would require changing the principle on which Jeyaraman operates. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Jeyaraman does not teach or suggest receiving, by a client, a modified version of one of the dynamic portions of a page.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Nazem and Jeyaraman, either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest receiving a modified version of a dynamic portion of a page, as required by claims 1, 3-11, 13-15, 17 and 18. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 3-11, 13-15, 17 and 18.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Please charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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